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After ten long years, the iron-fisted rule of DOCTOR ROBOTNIK over planet MOBIUS was believed to have finally ended! With the technological tyrant vanquished and his polluted factories shut down, order and beauty were restored to the city of MOBOTROPOLIS. Now the villain has returned to wreak havoc once more, but there are many who are willing to stand against him in the fight for freedom. The bravest among them is a brash, blue streak who just happens to be the fastest thing alive! ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

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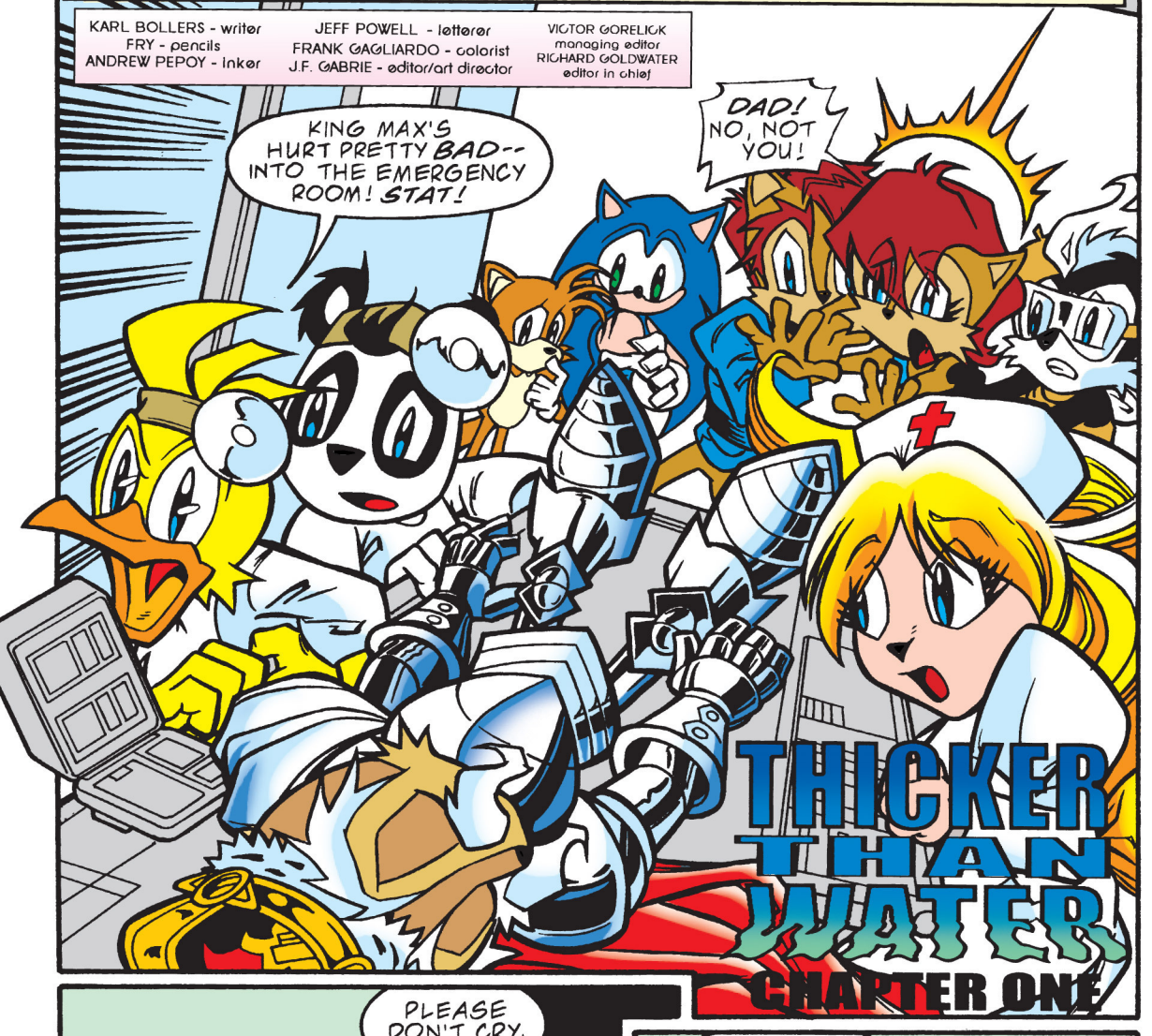

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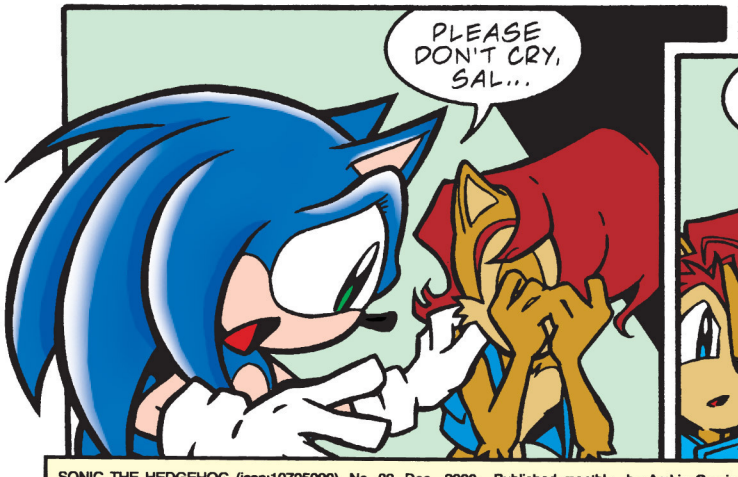

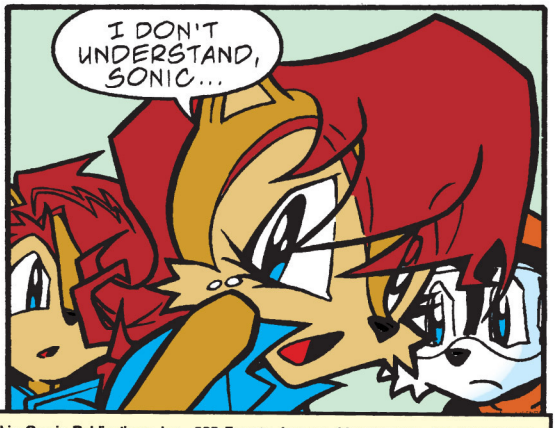

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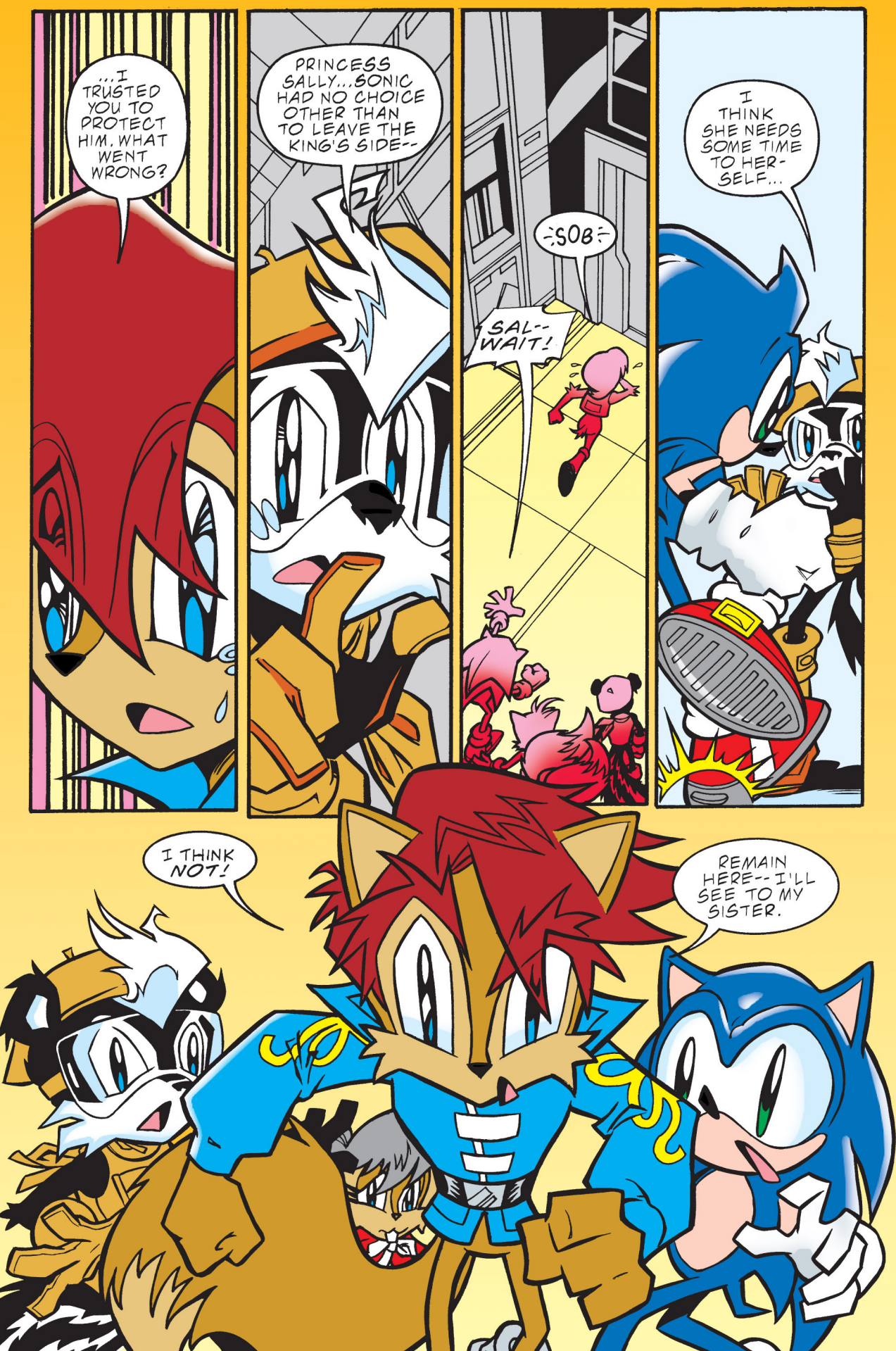
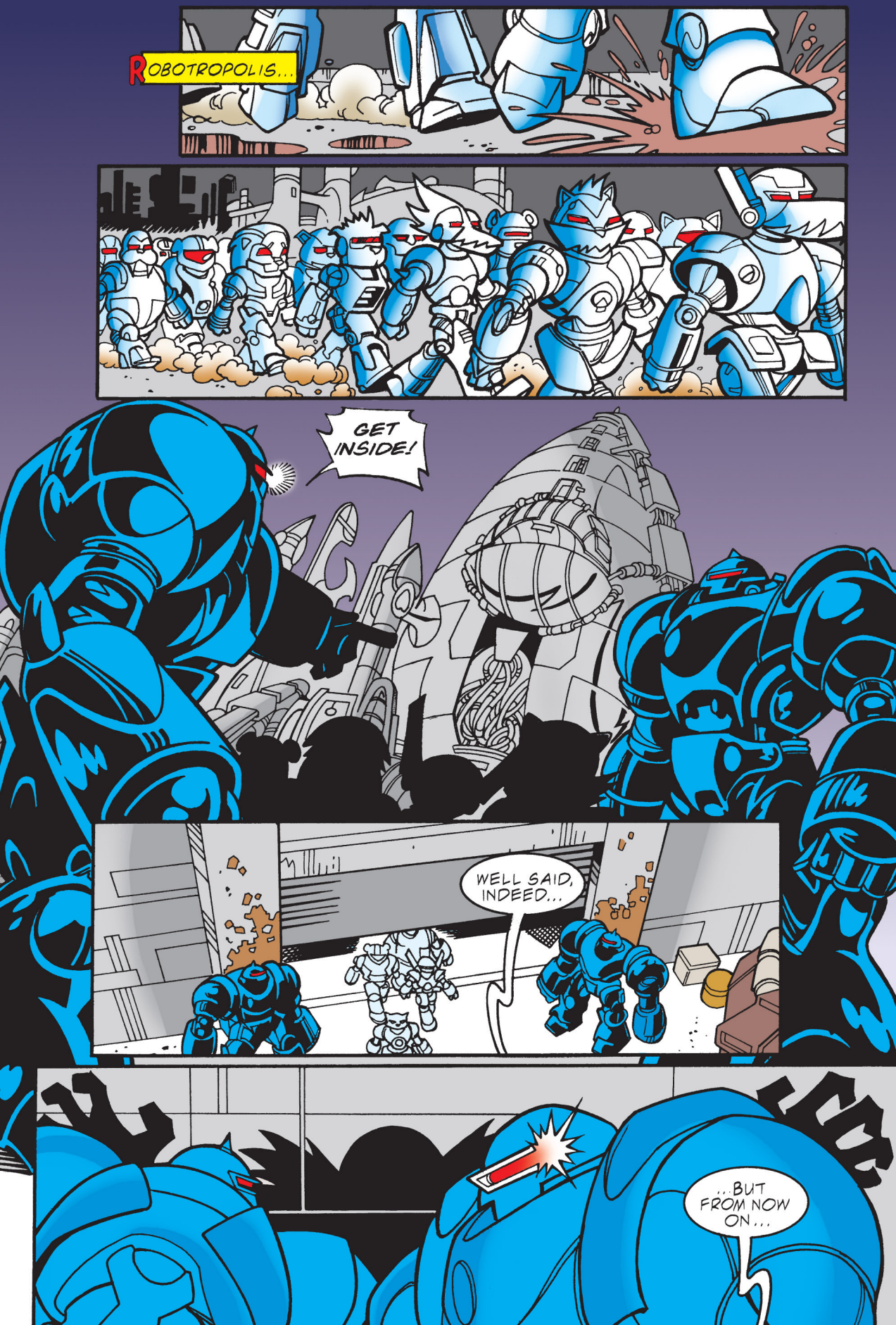
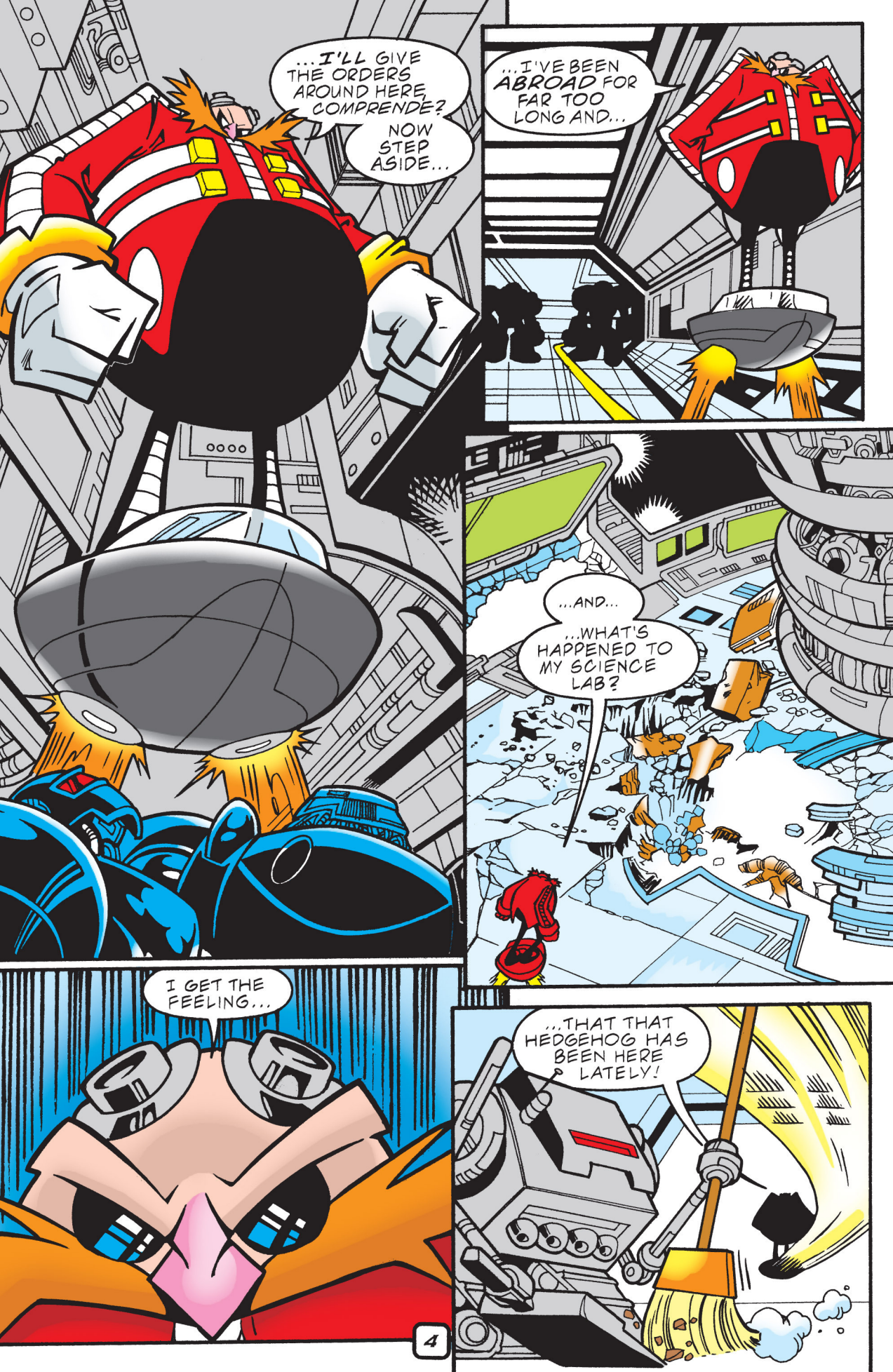
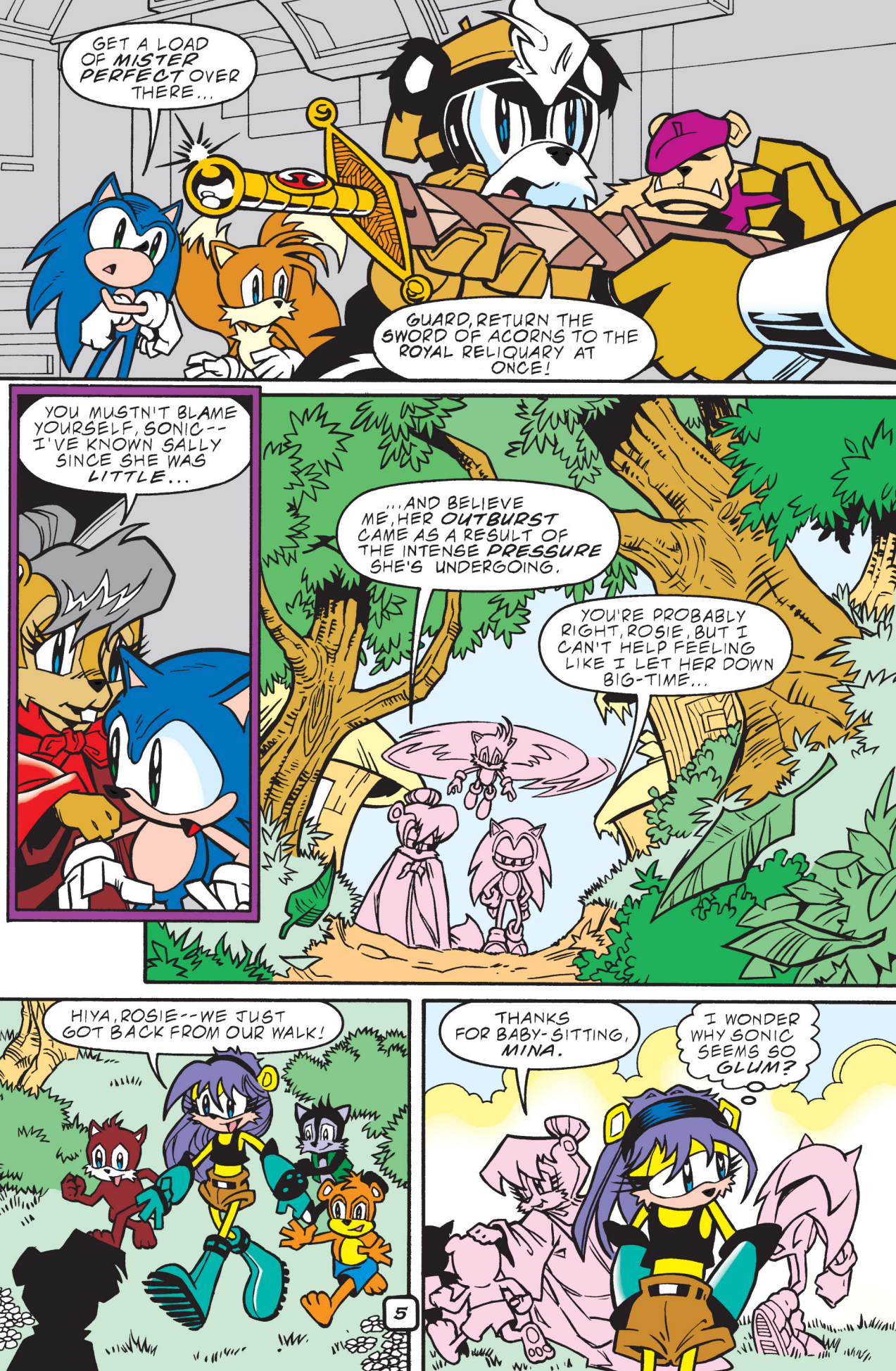
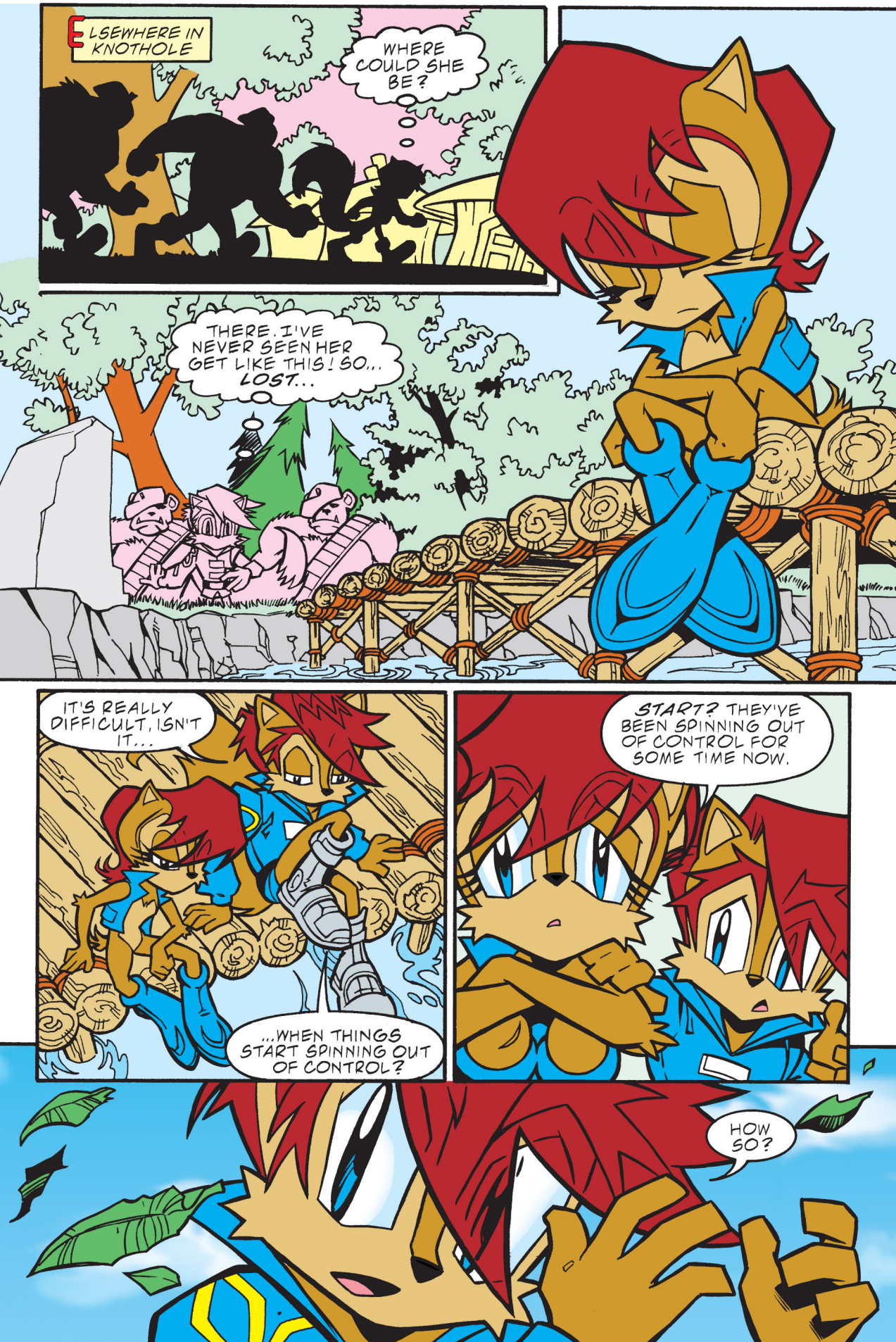
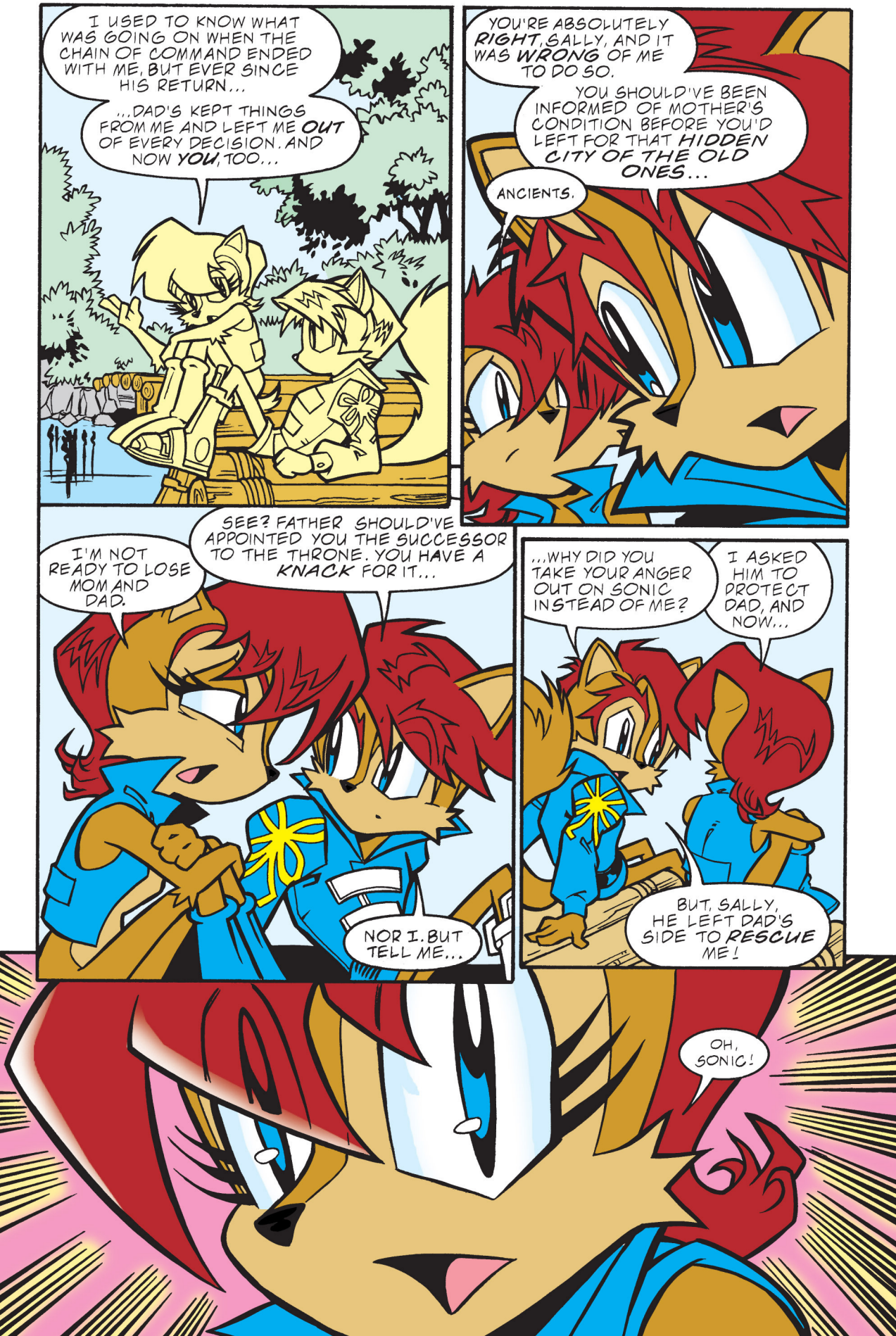

...I TRUSTED YOU TO PROTECT HIM. WHAT WENT WRONG?
PRINCESS SALLY...SONIC HAD NO CHOICE OTHER THAN TO LEAVE THE KING'S SIDE--
:SOB:
SAL-- WAIT!
I THINK SHE NEEDS SOME TIME TO HER-SELF...
I THINK NOT!
REMAIN HERE-- I'LL SEE TO MY SISTER.

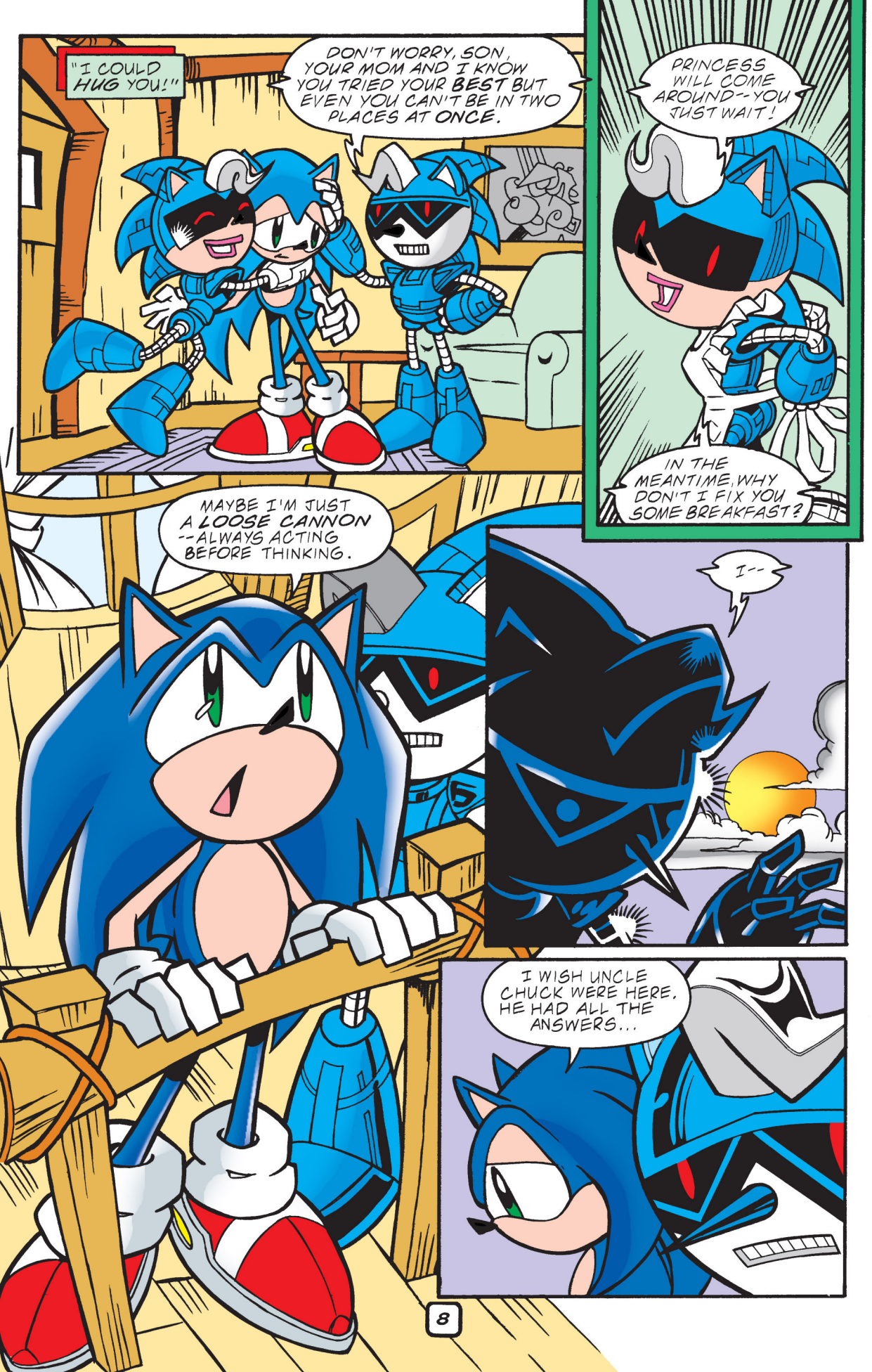

ROBOTROPOLIS...
GET INSIDE!
WELL SAID, INDEED...
...BUT FROM NOW ON...

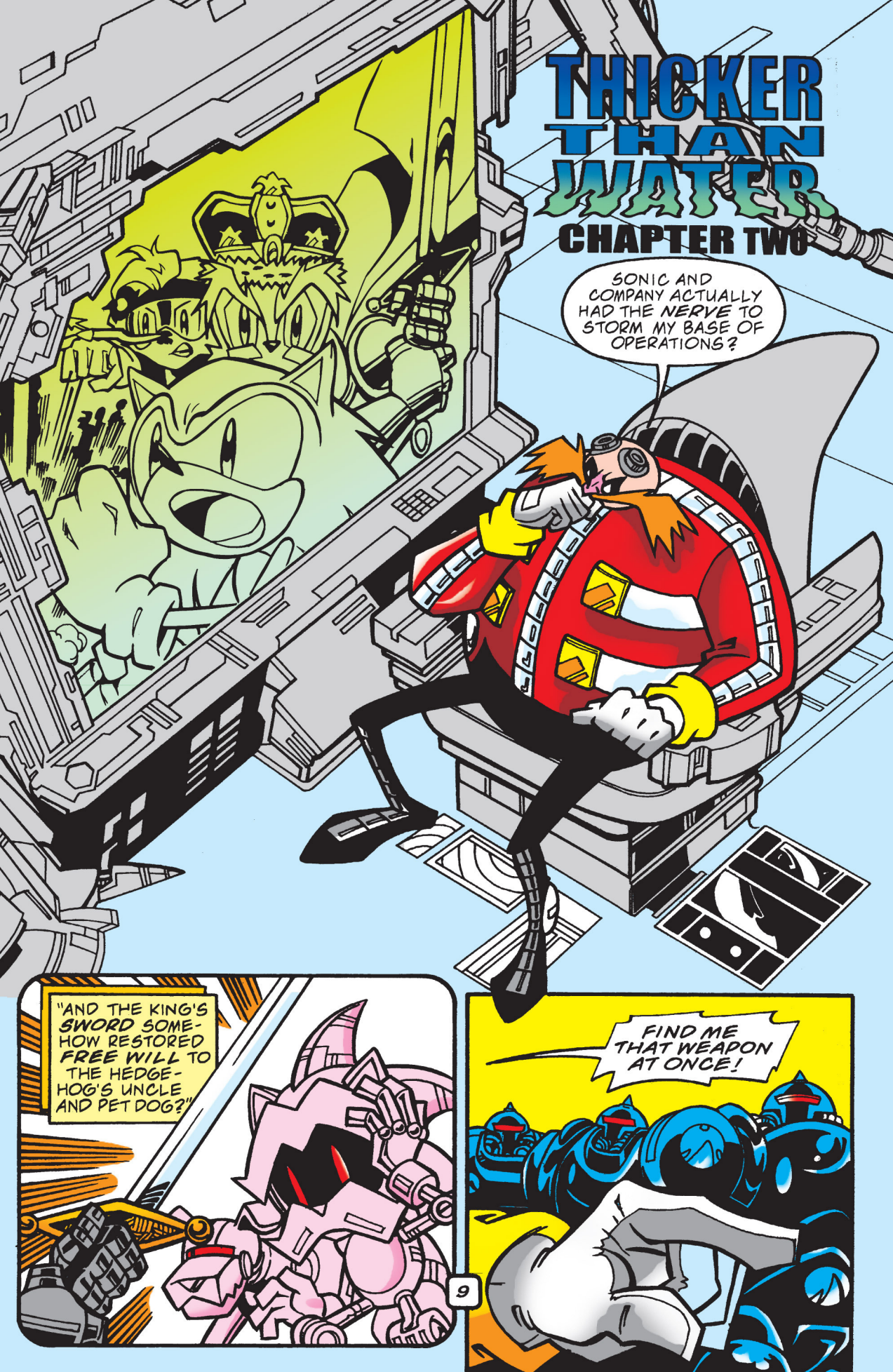

...I'LL GIVE THE ORDERS AROUND HERE, COMPRENDE? NOW STEP ASIDE...
...I'VE BEEN ABROAD FOR FAR TOO LONG AND...
...AND... ...WHAT'S HAPPENED TO MY SCIENCE LAB?
I GET THE FEELING...
...THAT THAT HEDGEHOG HAS BEEN HERE LATELY!


GET A LOAD OF MISTER PERFECT OVER THERE...
GUARD, RETURN THE SWORD OF ACORNS TO THE ROYAL RELIQUARY AT ONCE!
YOU MUSTN'T BLAME YOURSELF, SONIC -- I'VE KNOWN SALLY SINCE SHE WAS LITTLE...
...AND BELIEVE ME, HER OUTBURST CAME AS A RESULT OF THE INTENSE PRESSURE SHE'S UNDERGOING.
YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT, ROSIE, BUT I CAN'T HELP FEELING LIKE I LET HER DOWN BIG-TIME...
HIYA, ROSIE -- WE JUST GOT BACK FROM OUR WALK!
THANKS FOR BABY-SITTING, MINA.
I WONDER WHY SONIC SEEMS SO GLUM?


ELSEWHERE IN KNOTHOLE
WHERE COULD SHE BE?
THERE. I'VE NEVER SEEN HER GET LIKE THIS! SO... LOST...
IT'S REALLY DIFFICULT, ISN'T IT...
...WHEN THINGS START SPINNING OUT OF CONTROL?
START? THEY'VE BEEN SPINNING OUT OF CONTROL FOR SOME TIME NOW.
HOW SO?


I USED TO KNOW WHAT WAS GOING ON WHEN THE CHAIN OF COMMAND ENDED WITH ME, BUT EVER SINCE HIS RETURN...
...DAD'S KEPT THINGS FROM ME AND LEFT ME OUT OF EVERY DECISION. AND NOW YOU, TOO...
YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT, SALLY, AND IT WAS WRONG OF ME TO DO SO.
YOU SHOULD'VE BEEN INFORMED OF MOTHER'S CONDITION BEFORE YOU'D LEFT FOR THAT HIDDEN CITY OF THE OLD ONES...
ANCIENTS.
I'M NOT READY TO LOSE MOM AND DAD.
SEE? FATHER SHOULD'VE APPOINTED YOU THE SUCCESSOR TO THE THRONE. YOU HAVE A KNACK FOR IT...
NOR I. BUT TELL ME...
...WHY DID YOU TAKE YOUR ANGER OUT ON SONIC INSTEAD OF ME?
I ASKED HIM TO PROTECT DAD, AND NOW...
BUT, SALLY, HE LEFT DAD'S SIDE TO RESCUE ME!
OH, SONIC!


"I COULD HUG YOU!"
DON'T WORRY, SON, YOUR MOM AND I KNOW YOU TRIED YOUR BEST BUT EVEN YOU CAN'T BE IN TWO PLACES AT ONCE.
PRINCESS WILL COME AROUND--YOU JUST WAIT!
IN THE MEANTIME, WHY DON'T I FIX YOU SOME BREAKFAST?
MAYBE I'M JUST A LOOSE CANNON --ALWAYS ACTING BEFORE THINKING.
I--
I WISH UNCLE CHUCK WERE HERE. HE HAD ALL THE ANSWERS...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CHAPTER TWO
SONIC AND COMPANY ACTUALLY HAD THE NERVE TO STORM MY BASE OF OPERATIONS?
"AND THE KING'S SWORD SOMEHOW RESTORED FREE WILL TO THE HEDGEHOG'S UNCLE AND PET DOG?"
FIND ME THAT WEAPON AT ONCE!
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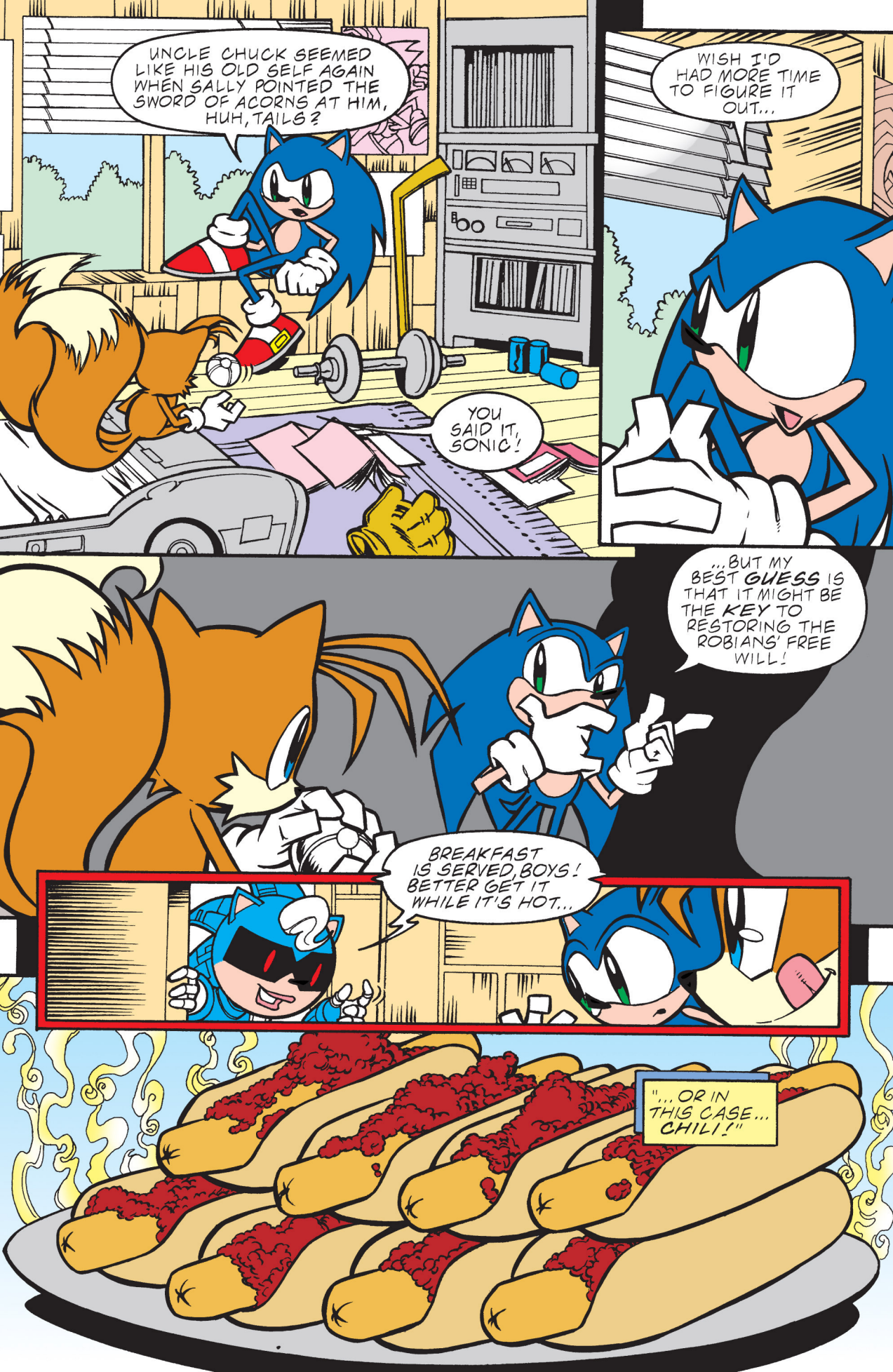
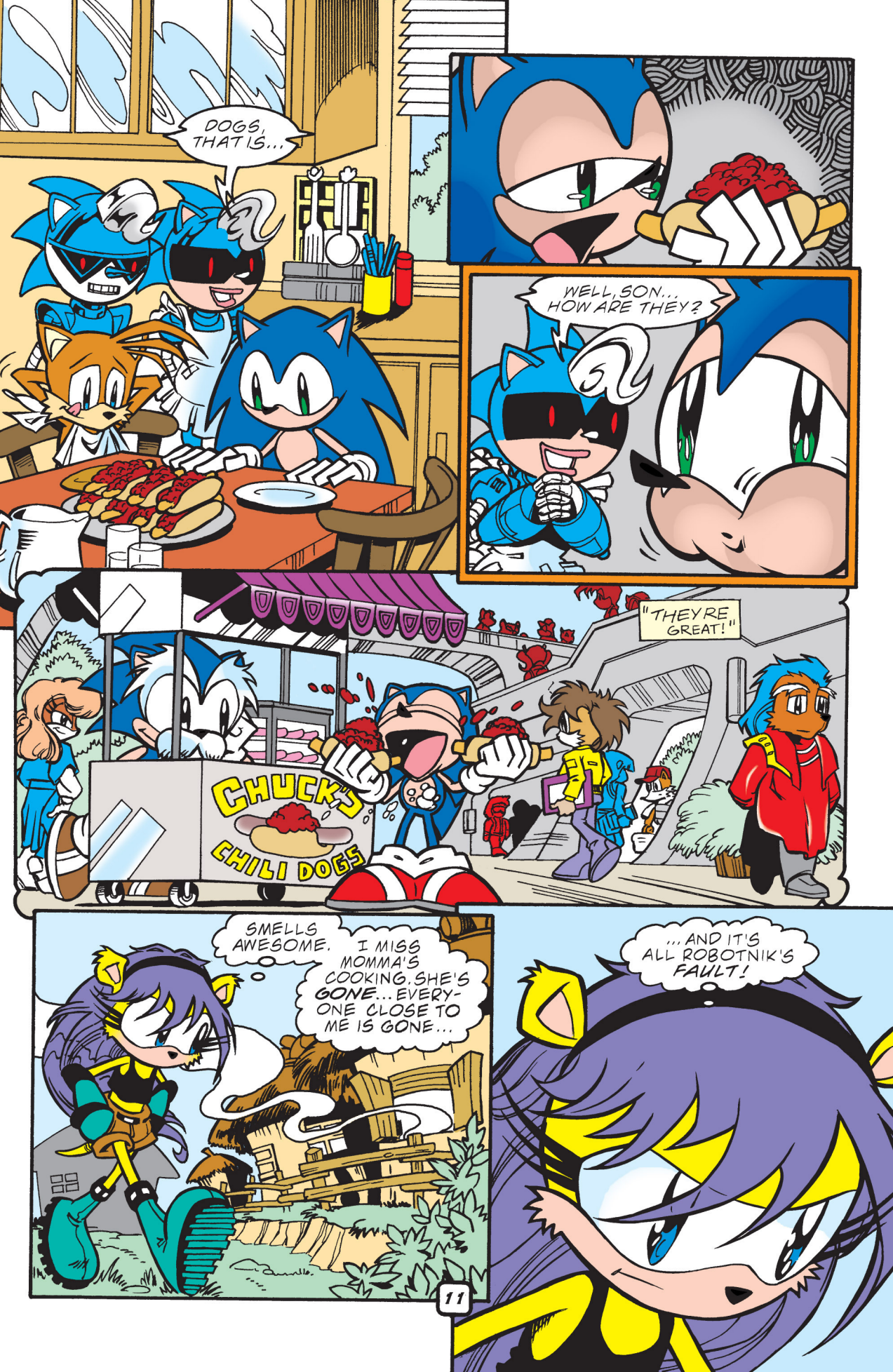
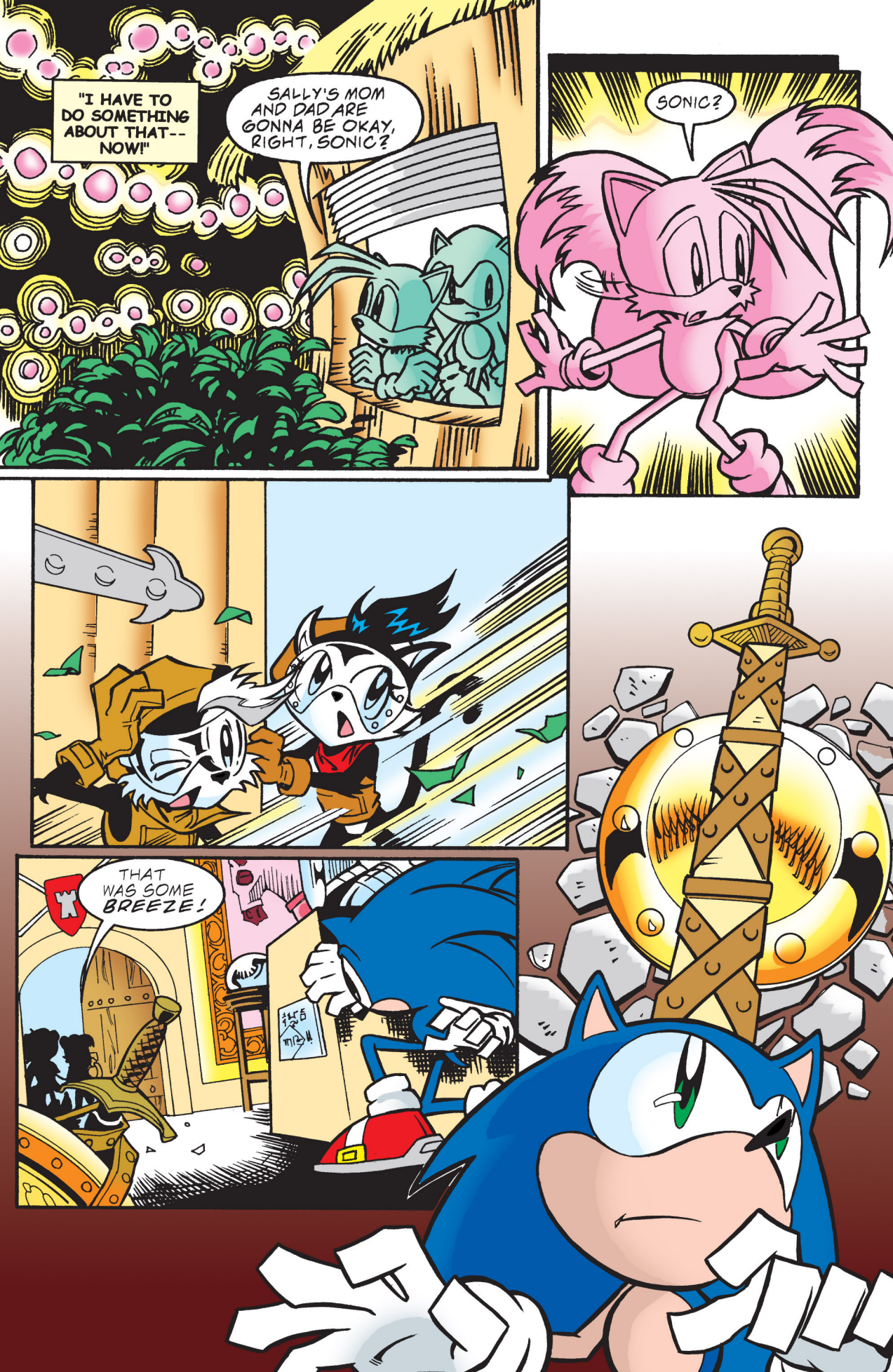
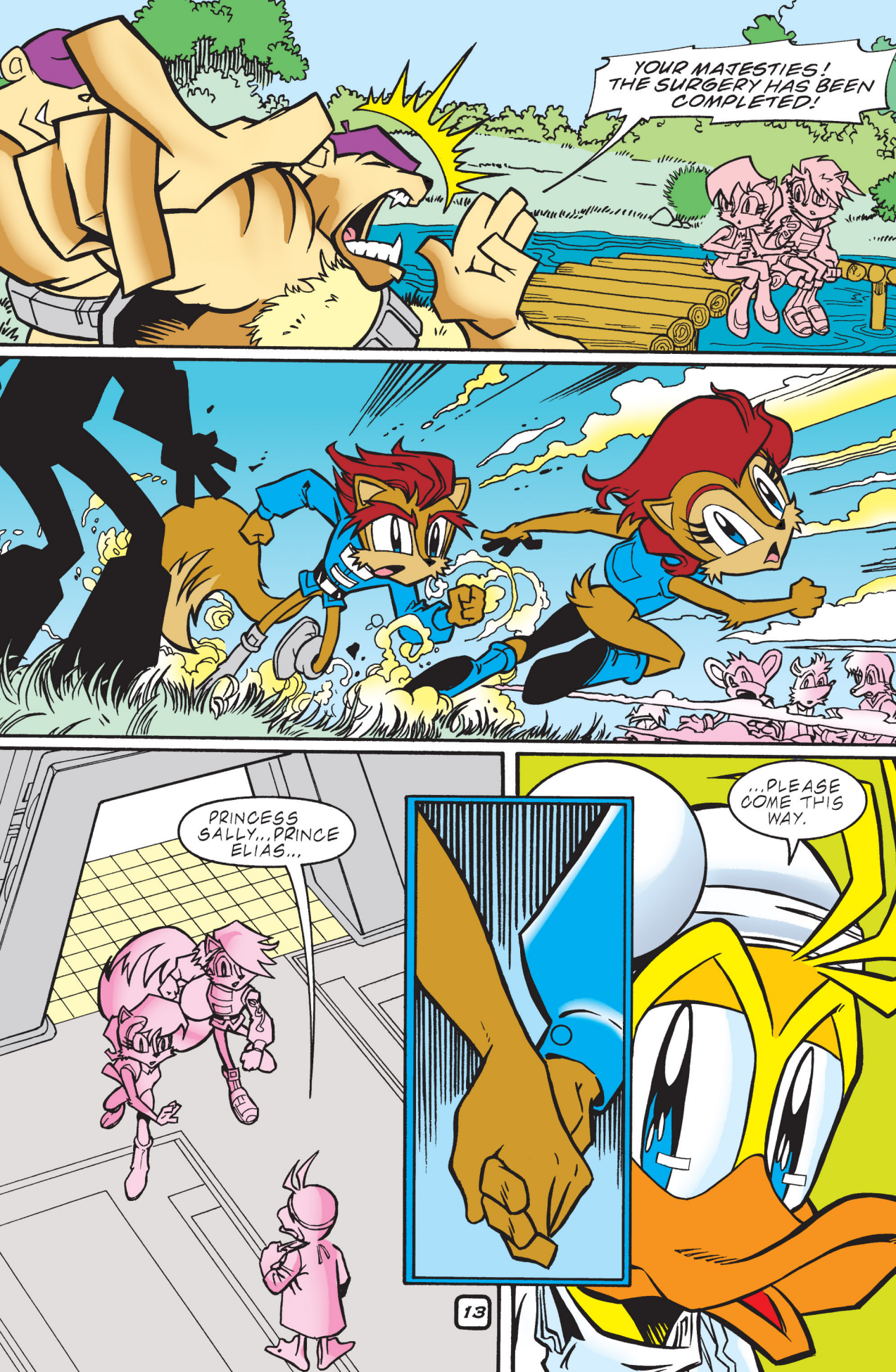
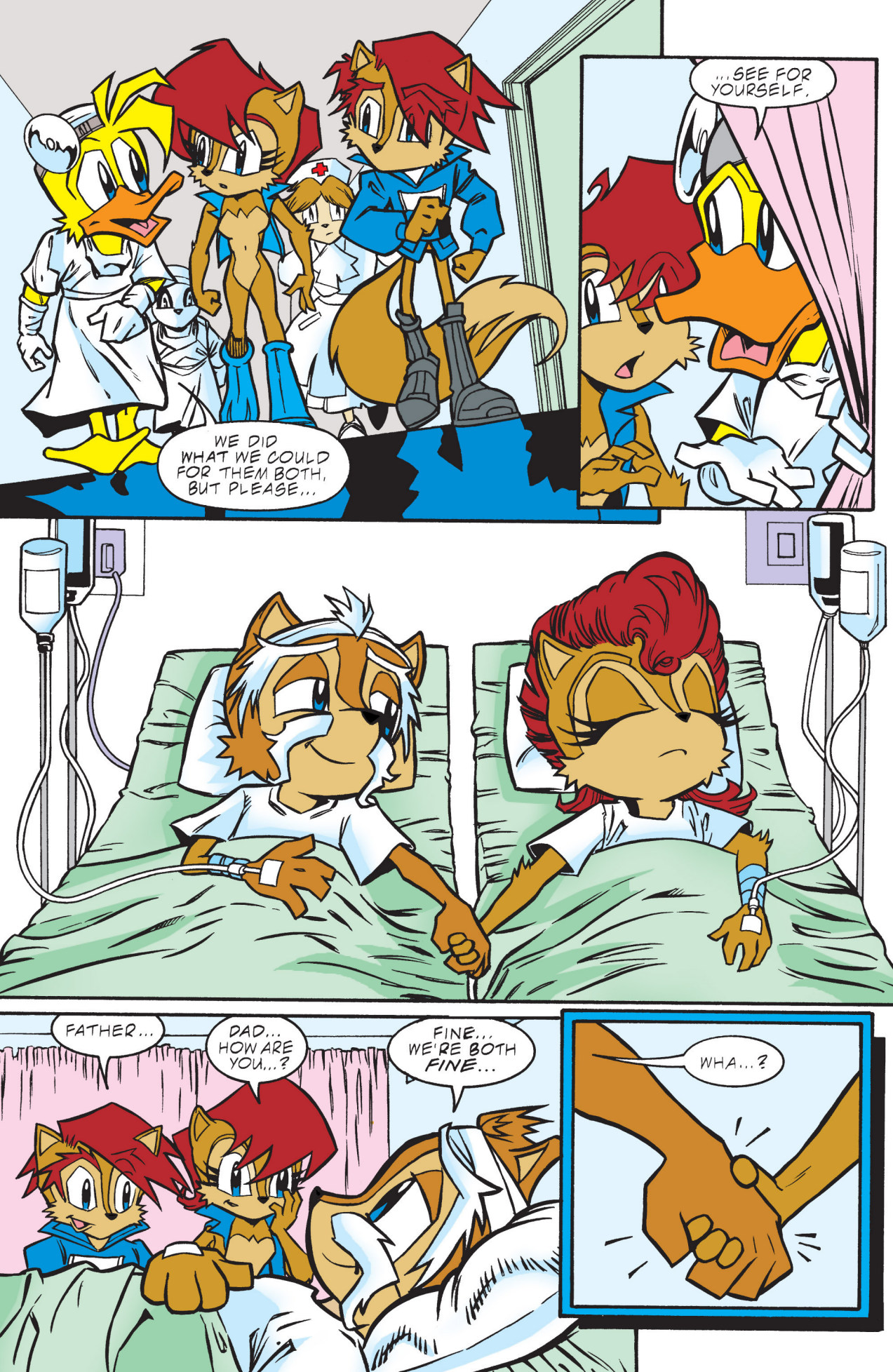
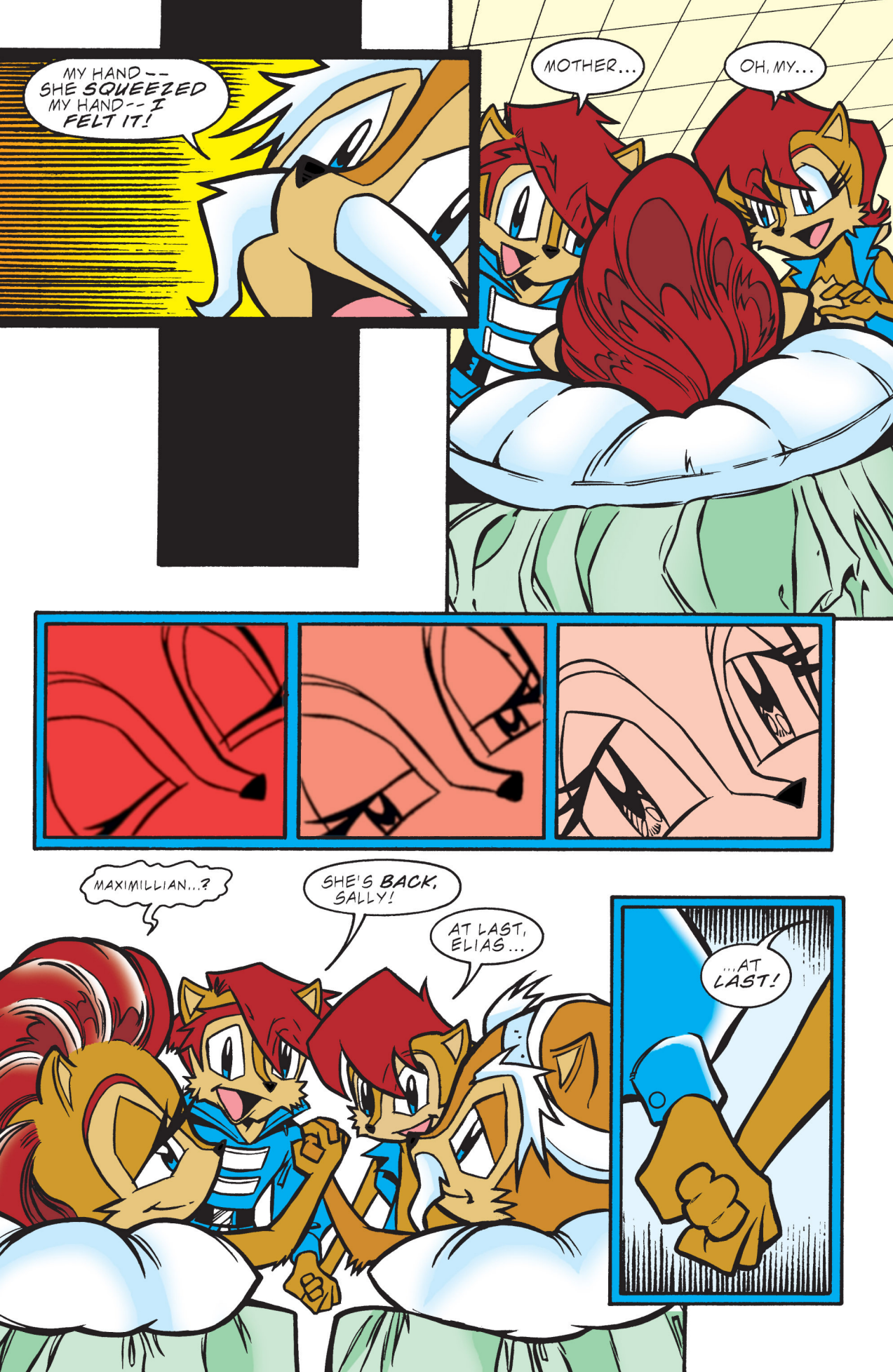

UNCLE CHUCK SEEMED LIKE HIS OLD SELF AGAIN WHEN SALLY POINTED THE SWORD OF ACORNS AT HIM, HUH, TAILS?
YOU SAID IT, SONIC!
WISH I'D HAD MORE TIME TO FIGURE IT OUT...
...BUT MY BEST GUESS IS THAT IT MIGHT BE THE KEY TO RESTORING THE ROBIANS' FREE WILL!
BREAKFAST IS SERVED, BOYS! BETTER GET IT WHILE IT'S HOT...
"...OR IN THIS CASE... CHILI!"


DOGS, THAT IS...
WELL, SON... HOW ARE THEY?
"THEY'RE GREAT!"
CHUCK'S CHILI DOGS
SMELLS AWESOME. I MISS MOMMA'S COOKING. SHE'S GONE... EVERY-ONE CLOSE TO ME IS GONE...
...AND IT'S ALL ROBOTNIK'S FAULT!


"I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT-- NOW!"
SALLY'S MOM AND DAD ARE GONNA BE OKAY, RIGHT, SONIC?
SONIC?
THAT WAS SOME BREEZE!


YOUR MAJESTIES! THE SURGERY HAS BEEN COMPLETED!
PRINCESS SALLY... PRINCE ELIAS...
...PLEASE COME THIS WAY.


WE DID WHAT WE COULD FOR THEM BOTH, BUT PLEASE...
...SEE FOR YOURSELF.
FATHER...
DAD... HOW ARE YOU...?
FINE... WE'RE BOTH FINE...
WHA...?


MY HAND -- SHE SQUEEZED MY HAND -- I FELT IT!
MOTHER...
OH, MY...
MAXIMILLIAN...?
SHE'S BACK, SALLY!
AT LAST, ELIAS...
...AT LAST!

TO BE CONTINUED!

Born to the most noble of Echidna houses, the latest to continue the family heritage and responsibility as Guardian of The Floating Island, defender of all against the forces of evil from the world beyond as well as those who would threaten from within!
ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA!

KNUCKLES HAS SET OFF ON A QUEST TO LEARN THE FATE OF WHAT HAPPENED TO THE FLOATING ISLAND AND ALL WHO LIVED UPON IT. HIS TRAVELS HAVE BROUGHT HIM HERE, TO SNOTTINGHAM FOREST AND OLD FRIENDS.

A MATTER OF SELF INTEREST

UPON COMPARING NOTES, IT WAS DECIDED THAT ANSWERS MIGHT BE FOUND ACROSS THE CHANNEL ON THE ISLAND HOMELAND OF THE ECHIDNA RACE, ALBION! AND SO IT IS WE FIND KNUCKLES AND COMPANY SETTING SAIL UNDER A PALE MOONLIGHT...

DIDN'T THOU WALK ACROSS THE WATER'S SURFACE LAST WE MET?

YEAH! BUT I HAVE THIS THING ABOUT WATER AND TEMPTING FATE!

WHATEVER WERE YOU DOING HEAH, SUGAH-KNUCKLES?

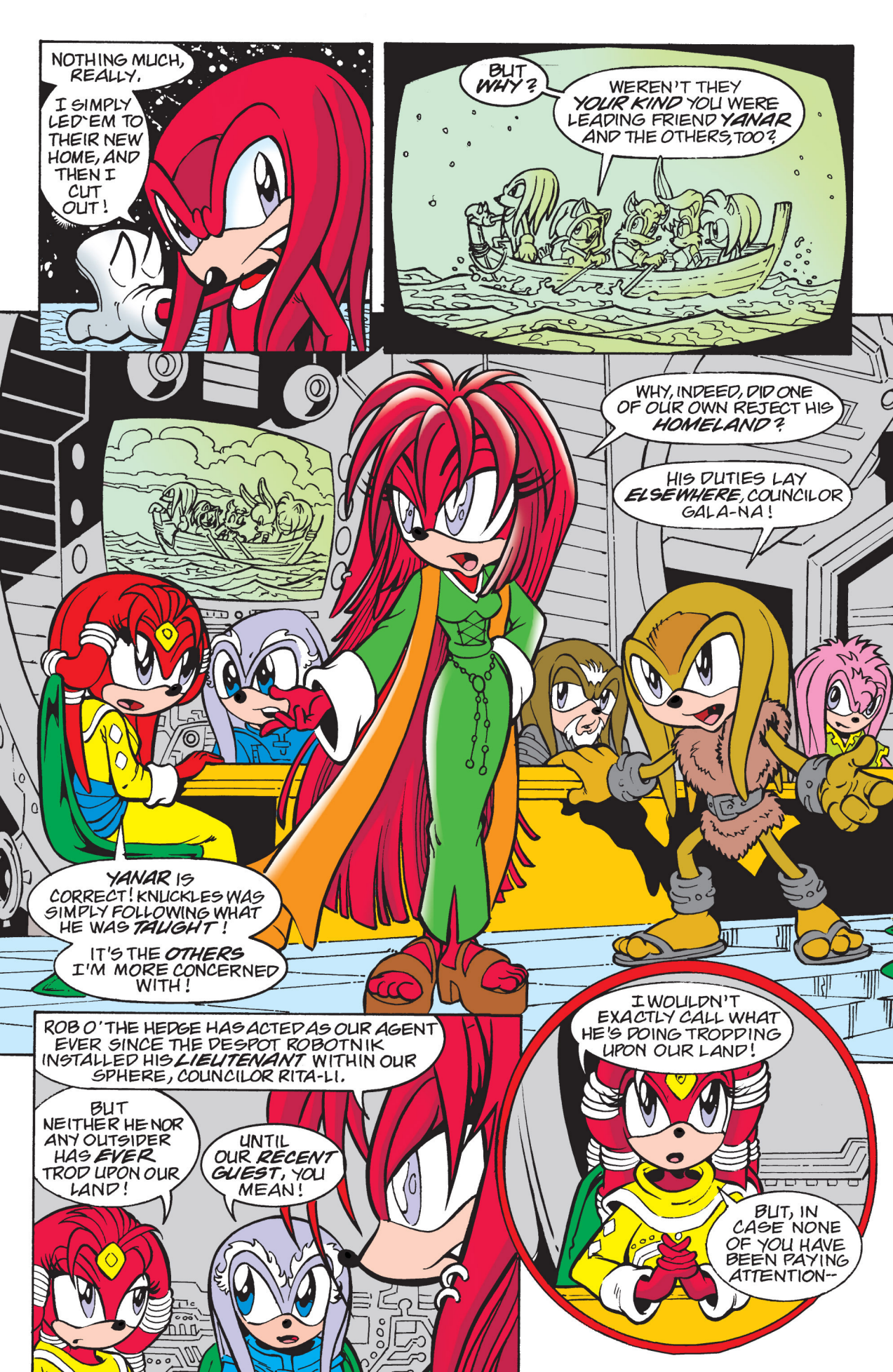
I THOUGHT YOU USUALLY STAY ON THE FLOATING ISLAND!

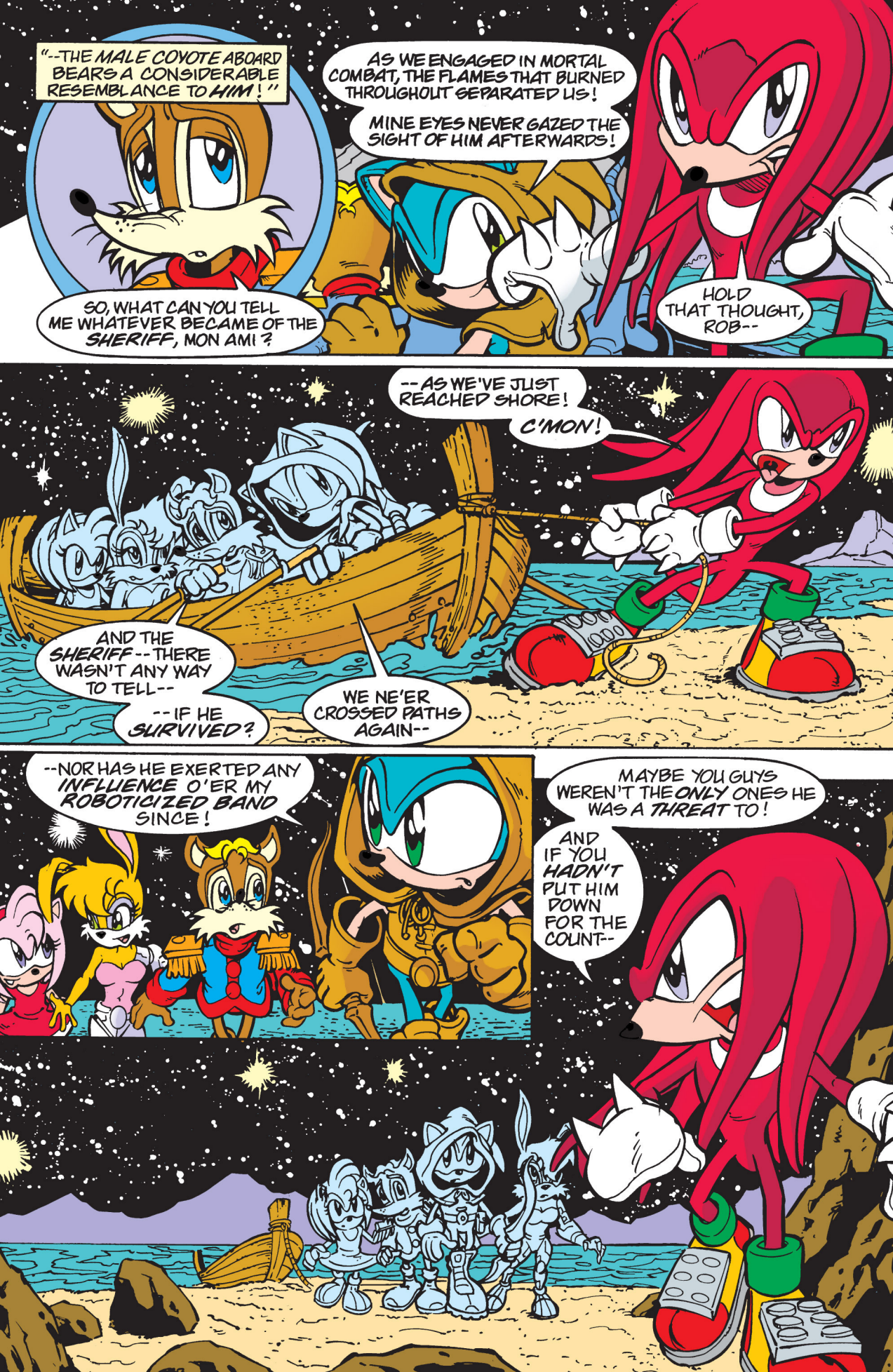
FRIEND KNUCKLES HERE WAS MAKING A HOLY PILGRIMAGE TO REUNITE A LOST TRIBE WITH THEIR KIN!

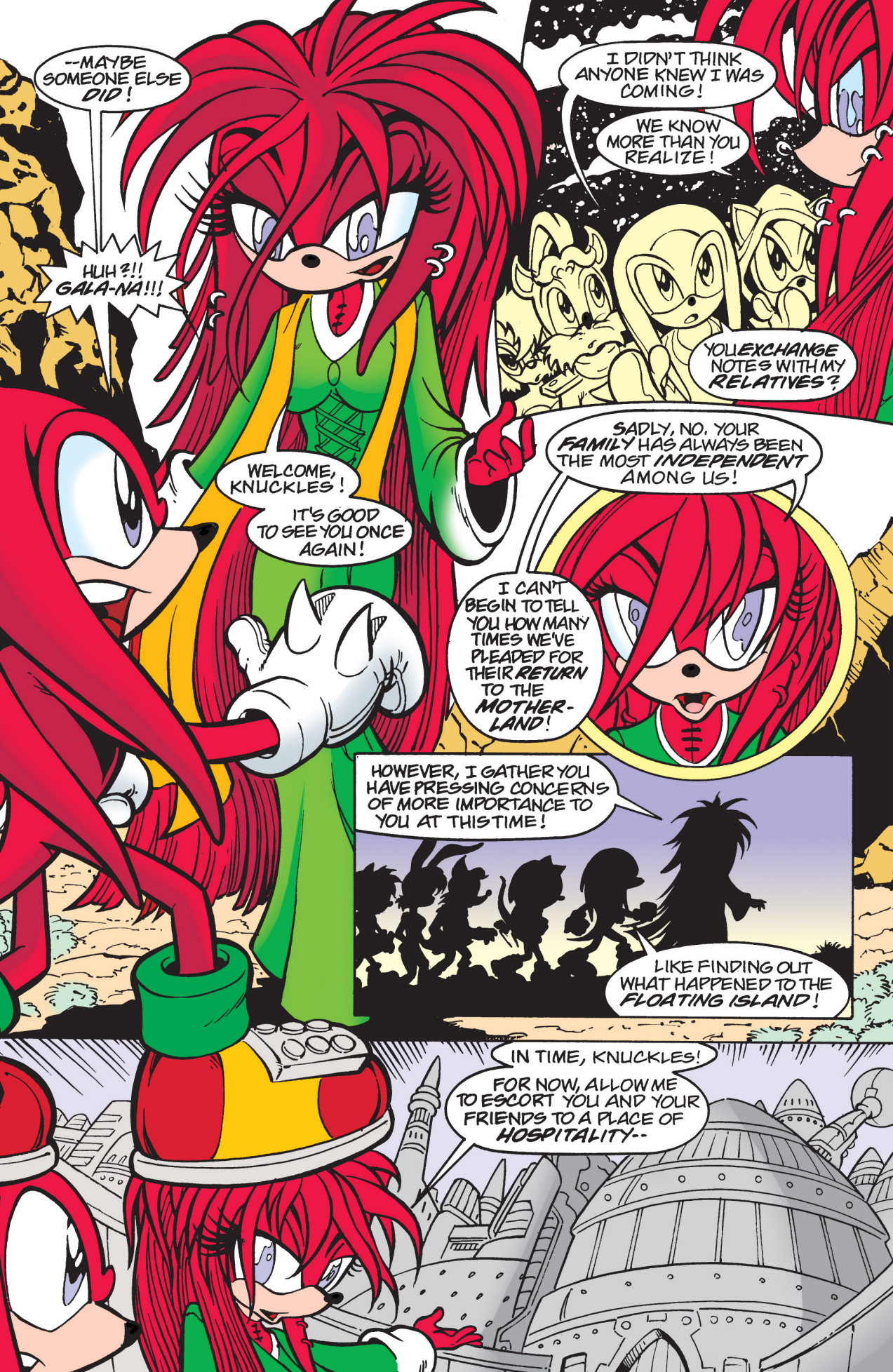
ALONG THE WAY, WE HELD HARD AND DEFEATED THE DREADED SHERIFF!

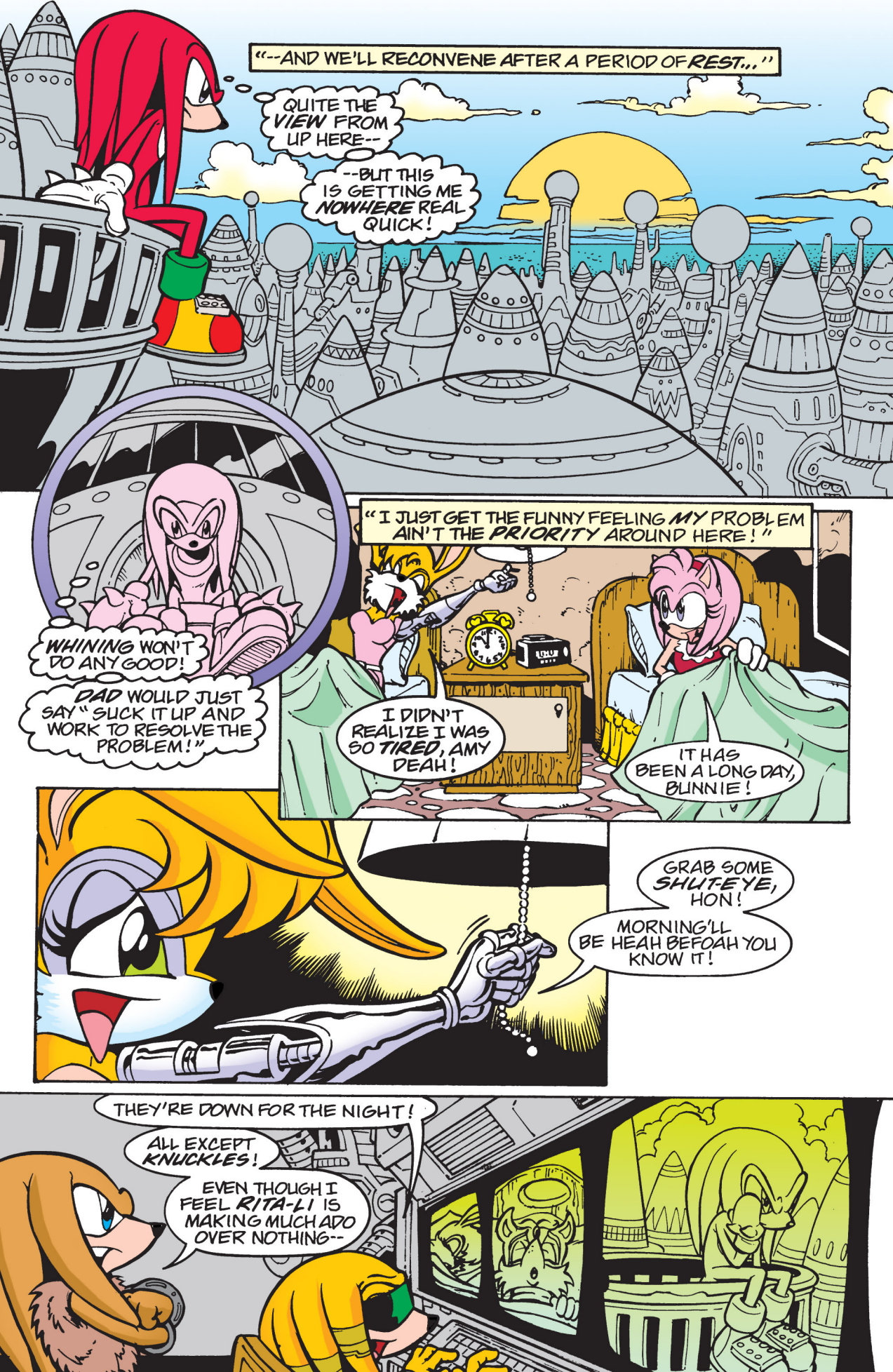
UNFORTUNATELY, WE NE'ER SANG OR CELEBRATED OUR GREAT VICTORY TOGETHER!

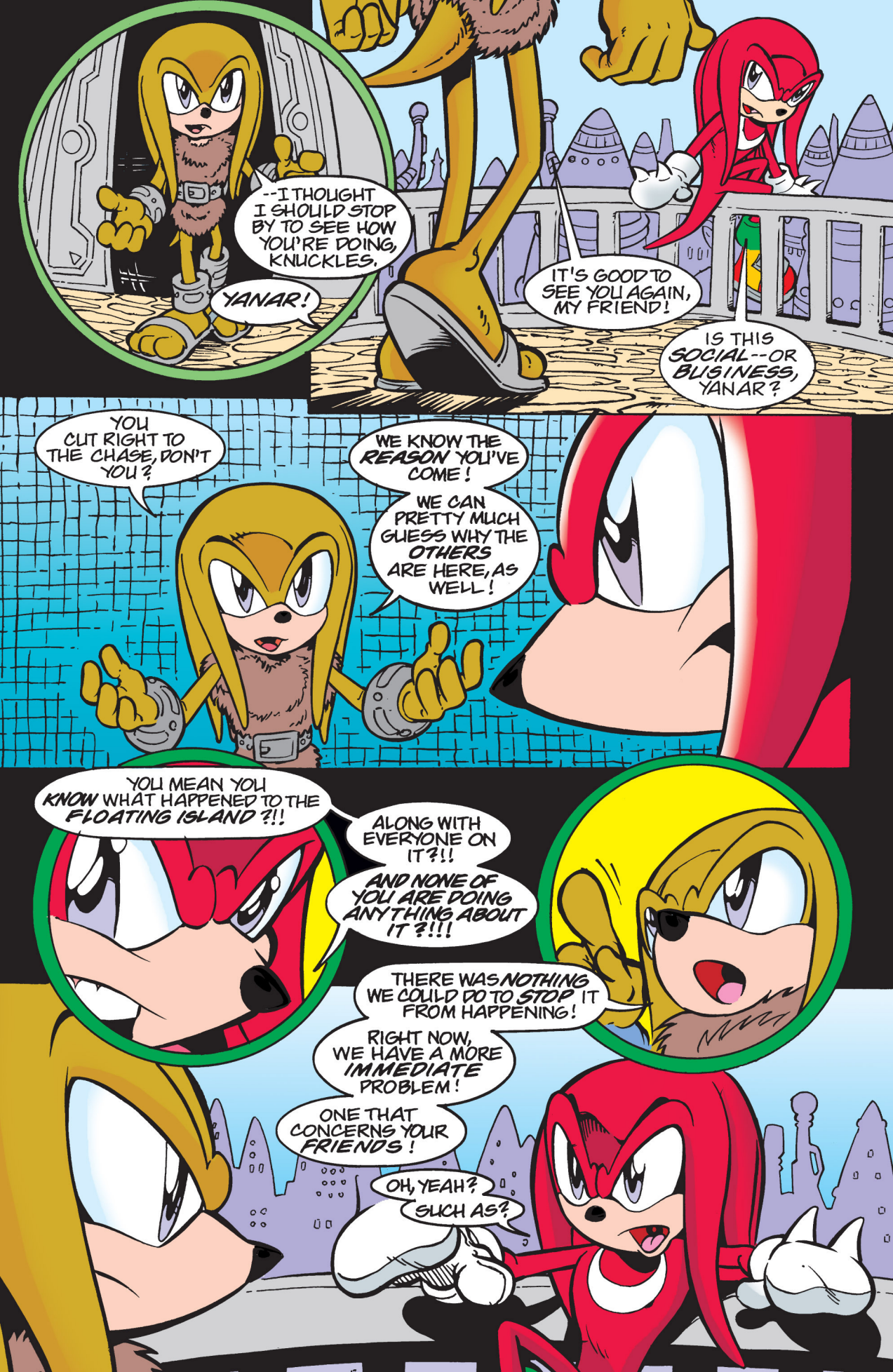
WHATE'ER DID BECOME OF YOU AFTER, MY FRIEND?

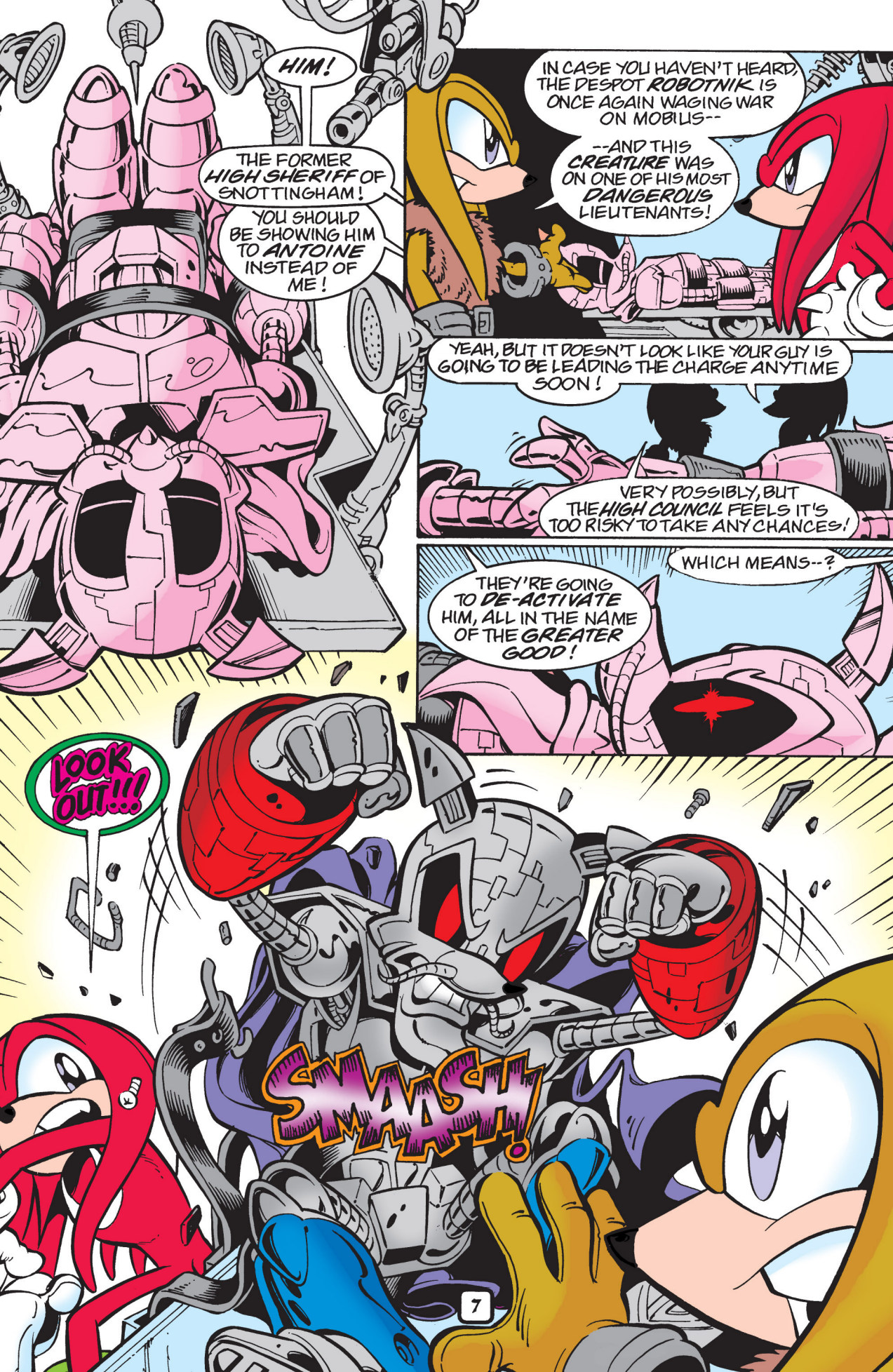

NOTHING MUCH, REALLY.
I SIMPLY LED 'EM TO THEIR NEW HOME, AND THEN I CUT OUT!
BUT WHY?
WEREN'T THEY YOUR KIND YOU WERE LEADING FRIEND YANAR AND THE OTHERS, TOO?
WHY, INDEED, DID ONE OF OUR OWN REJECT HIS HOMELAND?
HIS DUTIES LAY ELSEWHERE, COUNCILOR GALA-NA!
YANAR IS CORRECT! KNUCKLES WAS SIMPLY FOLLOWING WHAT HE WAS TAUGHT!
IT'S THE OTHERS I'M MORE CONCERNED WITH!
ROB O'THE HEDGE HAS ACTED AS OUR AGENT EVER SINCE THE DESPOT ROBOTNIK INSTALLED HIS LIEUTENANT WITHIN OUR SPHERE, COUNCILOR RITA-LI.
BUT NEITHER HE NOR ANY OUTSIDER HAS EVER TROD UPON OUR LAND!
UNTIL OUR RECENT GUEST, YOU MEAN!
I WOULDN'T EXACTLY CALL WHAT HE'S DOING TROPPING UPON OUR LAND!
BUT, IN CASE NONE OF YOU HAVE BEEN PAYING ATTENTION--

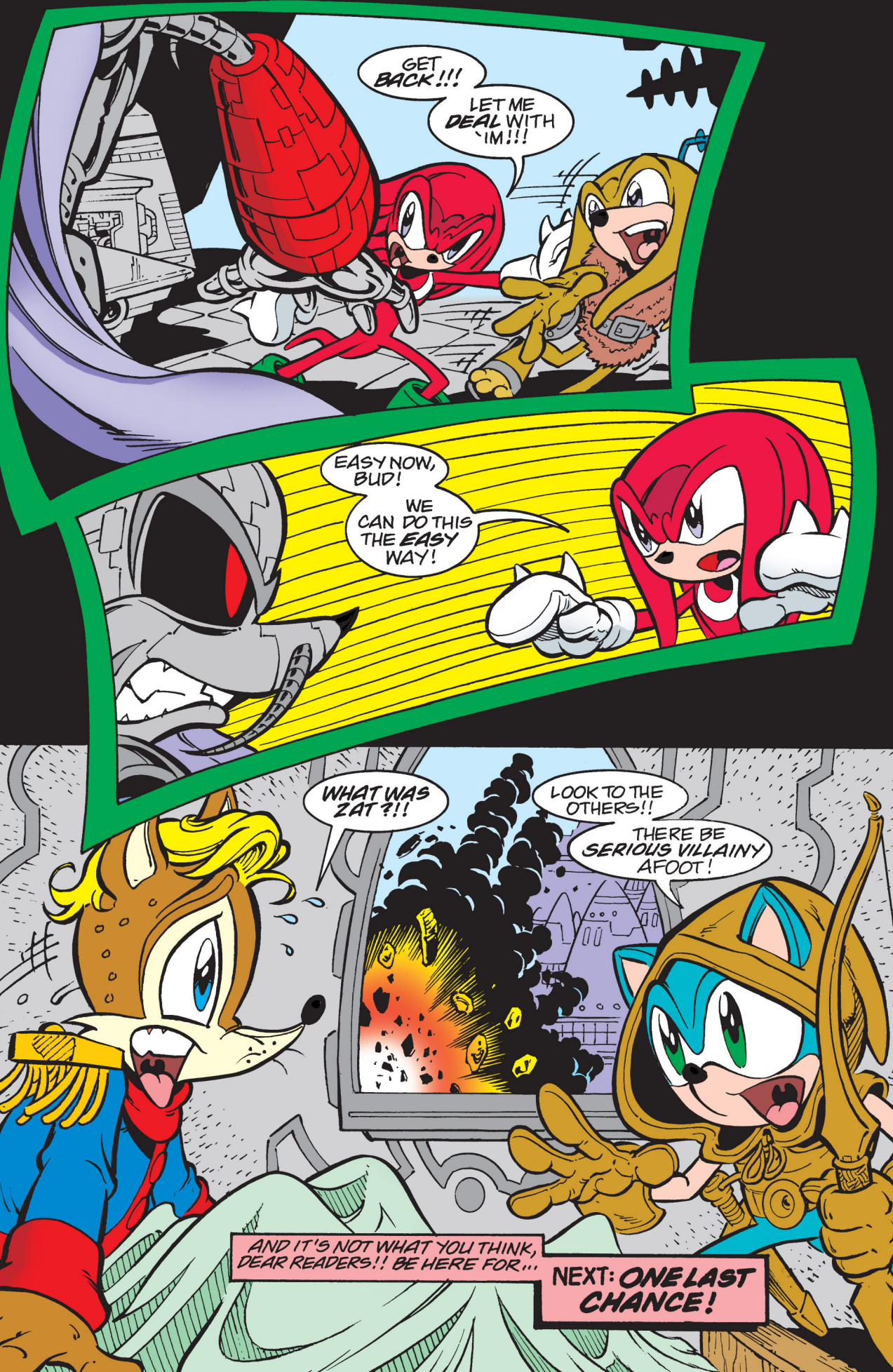

"--THE MALE COYOTE ABOARD BEARS A CONSIDERABLE RESEMBLANCE TO HIM!"
SO, WHAT CAN YOU TELL ME WHATEVER BECAME OF THE SHERIFF, MON AMI?
AS WE ENGAGED IN MORTAL COMBAT, THE FLAMES THAT BURNED THROUGHOUT SEPARATED US!
MINE EYES NEVER GAZED THE SIGHT OF HIM AFTERWARDS!
HOLD THAT THOUGHT, ROB--
--AS WE'VE JUST REACHED SHORE!
C'MON!
AND THE SHERIFF--THERE WASN'T ANY WAY TO TELL--
--IF HE SURVIVED?
WE NE'ER CROSSED PATHS AGAIN--
--NOR HAS HE EXERTED ANY INFLUENCE O'ER MY ROBOTICIZED BAND SINCE!
MAYBE YOU GUYS WEREN'T THE ONLY ONES HE WAS A THREAT TO!
AND IF YOU HADN'T PUT HIM DOWN FOR THE COUNT--


--MAYBE SOMEONE ELSE DID!
HUH?!! GALA-NA!!!
I DIDN'T THINK ANYONE KNEW I WAS COMING!
WE KNOW MORE THAN YOU REALIZE!
YOU EXCHANGE NOTES WITH MY RELATIVES?
WELCOME, KNUCKLES!
IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU ONCE AGAIN!
SADLY, NO, YOUR FAMILY HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE MOST INDEPENDENT AMONG US!
I CAN'T BEGIN TO TELL YOU HOW MANY TIMES WE'VE PLEADED FOR THEIR RETURN TO THE MOTHER-LAND!
HOWEVER, I GATHER YOU HAVE PRESSING CONCERNS OF MORE IMPORTANCE TO YOU AT THIS TIME!
LIKE FINDING OUT WHAT HAPPENED TO THE FLOATING ISLAND!
IN TIME, KNUCKLES!
FOR NOW, ALLOW ME TO ESCORT YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS TO A PLACE OF HOSPITALITY--


"--AND WE'LL RECONVENE AFTER A PERIOD OF REST..."
QUITE THE VIEW FROM UP HERE--
--BUT THIS IS GETTING ME NOWHERE REAL QUICK!
WHINING WON'T DO ANY GOOD!
DAD WOULD JUST SAY "SUCK IT UP AND WORK TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM!"
"I JUST GET THE FUNNY FEELING MY PROBLEM AIN'T THE PRIORITY AROUND HERE!"
I DIDN'T REALIZE I WAS SO TIRED, AMY DEAH!
IT HAS BEEN A LONG DAY, BUNNIE!
GRAB SOME SHUT-EYE, HON!
MORNING'LL BE HEAH BEFOAH YOU KNOW IT!
THEY'RE DOWN FOR THE NIGHT!
ALL EXCEPT KNUCKLES!
EVEN THOUGH I FEEL RITA-LI IS MAKING MUCH ADO OVER NOTHING--


--I THOUGHT I SHOULD STOP BY TO SEE HOW YOU'RE DOING, KNUCKLES.
YANAR!
IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, MY FRIEND!
IS THIS SOCIAL--OR BUSINESS, YANAR?
YOU CUT RIGHT TO THE CHASE, DON'T YOU?
WE KNOW THE REASON YOU'VE COME!
WE CAN PRETTY MUCH GUESS WHY THE OTHERS ARE HERE, AS WELL!
YOU MEAN YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO THE FLOATING ISLAND?!!
ALONG WITH EVERYONE ON IT?!!
AND NONE OF YOU ARE DOING ANYTHING ABOUT IT?!!!
THERE WAS NOTHING WE COULD DO TO STOP IT FROM HAPPENING!
RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE A MORE IMMEDIATE PROBLEM!
ONE THAT CONCERNS YOUR FRIENDS!
OH, YEAH?
SUCH AS?


HIM!
THE FORMER HIGH SHERIFF OF SNOTTINGHAM!
YOU SHOULD BE SHOWING HIM TO ANTOINE INSTEAD OF ME!
IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T HEARD, THE DESPOT ROBOTNIK IS ONCE AGAIN WAGING WAR ON MOBIUS--
--AND THIS CREATURE WAS ON ONE OF HIS MOST DANGEROUS LIEUTENANTS!
YEAH, BUT IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE YOUR GUY IS GOING TO BE LEADING THE CHARGE ANYTIME SOON!
VERY POSSIBLY, BUT THE HIGH COUNCIL FEELS IT'S TOO RISKY TO TAKE ANY CHANCES!
WHICH MEANS--?
THEY'RE GOING TO DE-ACTIVATE HIM, ALL IN THE NAME OF THE GREATER GOOD!
LOOK OUT!!!
SMASH!!!


GET BACK!!!
LET ME DEAL WITH 'IM!!!
EASY NOW, BUD!
WE CAN DO THIS THE EASY WAY!
WHAT WAS ZAT?!!
LOOK TO THE OTHERS!!
THERE BE SERIOUS VILLAINY AFOOT!
AND IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK, DEAR READERS!! BE HERE FOR...
NEXT: ONE LAST CHANCE!